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fish *Big Eye.*

weight *210 #*

angler *Scott Pringle*

boat *Press Time*

date *June 27, 2009*

A few bigeye tuna were caught in the Canyons last week and none were heavier than the 210 pounder caught by Scott Pringle of Newark, DE on the "Press Time". Scott was fishing with Rob Wilson of New Castle, DE, David Serman of Lewes, DE, Woody Reed of Newark, DE, Jeff Dawson of Townsend, DE, Capt. Luke Blume and Mates Jason Genthner and Michael Murray. The bigeye, along with a yellowfin tuna, were caught on trolled ballyhoo in 200 fathoms in the Washington Canyon and weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

Double Lines

by Dale Timmons



We had a lot of light east winds a couple of weeks back, and this caused the surf to become very clean, almost "like Florida water" as one angler described it. Unfortunately, when the surf gets like this, I have personally never caught much. If we had the Spanish mackerel like they do in Hatteras, it might be okay, since these conditions are best for Spanish and a few other species. Although they haven't been too plentiful yet, many surf anglers are now starting to target king whiting, known locally as "kingfish" and on the Outer Banks as "sea mullet." Kingfish like the water a little stirred, since it makes for better feeding conditions for small worms, crabs and other crustaceans that they target. For kings I like a top and bottom rig with small, usually number one

or two hooks with small floats just above the hooks. I bait them with little pieces of Fish Bites® bloodworm, real bloodworm, peeler crab, or small strips of meat such as bluefish, sand perch, squid, spot or mullet. Kings can be found in close, just behind the shorebreak, and the traditional wisdom is that all you need is an 8 or 9 foot rod. That is often true, but just as often kingfish can be found further out, just inside the sandbar or in a slough or "break" in the bar. For this reason I usually carry a pair of lightweight 11-foot rods in addition to the smaller rods. These rods, one rated for 1-4 ounces and one for 2-5 ounces, have fairly "soft" blanks and allow me to reach the bar with a three or four-ounce sinker. They are conventionals, and I usually use an Ambassadeur 6500 or a

Daiwa Grand Wave 20 loaded with 14 or 15 lb. test mono. With a similar spinning rod, you could go down to 12 lb. test for more distance. Kingfish will often pick up a bait and come to the beach, so a suddenly slack line may mean a fish. Kingfish are excellent eating, and the roe is especially good. I even save the heads for red drum baits in the fall...



I used to tag a lot of red drum. I probably tagged 30 or 40 in the late 80's and early 90's, and I've never had a return. I finally stopped tagging because I felt like I was possibly putting too much stress on the fish. Apparently the lack of returns is pretty common with some species, including reds, and it doesn't necessarily mean the fish aren't surviving. It was interesting to see a post on tidalfish.com last week about several drum that had been tagged this spring with satellite popup tags. The post said the first group of red drum tags have popped off on schedule, and the results showed that the fish hadn't moved very far at

all. The drum were tagged between Fisherman's and Smith Islands, which are the first two barrier islands north of the Bridge-Tunnel. Three of the drum were on Nautilus Shoal just south of Smith Island when the tags popped, one was on the other side of the mouth of the Bay, and just one drum had gone inside the Chesapeake Bay up to a spot off Silver Beach, which is near Nassawadox Creek. This is not enough information to really show any trends, but it makes me wonder if there really is as much north/south migration of reds as we tend to believe, and maybe more inshore/offshore movement of separate bodies of fish that show in different areas along the coast...



Sometimes our perception and opinions about fish behavior can really be challenged when we actually get to see them interact. I was at Capt. Mac's Tackle in Fenwick one day last week, and owner Capt. Bruce McGuigan has a large round tank with quite a

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The "Topless" out of Greenbackville, VA had a super day fishing in 166 fathoms on the south end of the Poor Man's Canyon. The crew, with Capt. Perry Romig at the helm and Mate Kyle Krabill in the cockpit, caught 9 yellowfin, keeping 5 along with a white marlin release. Water temperature was 69.7-degrees. Pictured are Roger Conceicao, Kevin Dreher, Dave Iacouzzi, Brian Gagnon, Bill George and Steve Clinton.



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On Saturday morning, Steve Sipe of Elkton, VA was fishing off the North Wall of the Ocean City Inlet with Angie Hensley when he hooked into this 27-inch, 7 lbs. 11 oz. flounder while using shiners for bait. Courtesy of the Oceanic Pier.



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Tessa Dobrow of Laurel, MD caught this 3 lb. 5 oz. triggerfish while fishing with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Rich Silvani and Mike Kinder. The triggerfish ate a chunk of clam on an ocean wreck. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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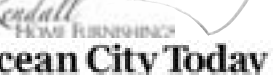
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Double Lines continued:

variety of fish that he has caught and transported to the store. There were a couple of black drum that are over 20 inches, several small bluefish, one nice 35-40 inch striper, and two legal flounder in the 20-plus inch range. Bruce told me that none of the fish would feed for about a week after they were first put in the tank, but then they ate just about anything. Oddly enough, he said the most active and aggressive fish in the tank were the flounder, and as I watched the fluke they swam around in circles well above the bottom and often one above the other. They also took shiners practically right out of the mouths of the other fish. They were lightning fast on the strike, too. I think a lot of us think of flounder as sedentary, lying on the bottom in wait for prey, but I think the reality is they are a lot more active than we realize, and I know they are fierce predators that will eat just about anything. Another surprise was that the black drum readily ate shiners thrown in the tank, when

conventional wisdom is that blacks only eat crustaceans like clams, crabs or shrimp. Bruce said the blacks often inhaled a piece of bait, and almost always spit it out before inhaling it again. Another reason why sometimes you have to just "let 'em eat." Surprisingly, when the bluefish took a bait, the bite was almost tentative, more of a snapping than an engulfing action. But then again, that's why they have sharp teeth. Finally, I learned that I may have to try a new secret bait for black drum. I'm not sure if I should tell you this or not, but the blacks just loved purple grapes...that's right, the kind you get in the grocery store. They swallowed the grapes as fast as they hit the water, and they didn't spit them back out, either...I wonder how well grapes will stay on a hook?



There was an influx of Norfolk spot in the bay last week. Most were a little on the large side for good flounder baits, but several anglers I know took advantage of the bounty and caught plenty for

their live wells. Should be excellent striper baits and good for the offshore boys if the yellowfin tuna stick around in any numbers. Most are being caught on small Sabiki rigs baited with a little piece of Fish Bites® bloodworm. Croakers are also starting to show in the bay, though it's still more of a trickle than a run. I kind of knew that was coming when a friend of mine spotted quite a few dolphins inside the bay. Flipper likes to eat croakers. I make a rig with two #1 gold wide gap hooks and small floats that works well for croakers, but just about any top and bottom rig will work. Bait with small strips of squid, peeler crab or cut bait such as spot or mullet. Some anglers like to use Gulp! artificial baits as well. It's actually a little early, and croaker numbers should increase through July...have a happy and safe Fourth...



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Casey Taylor caught this 7 lb. 10 oz. flounder while fishing at an ocean reef aboard the "Lil' Angler" with Capt. Chet Harer. Weighed at Lewes Harbour Marina.

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Mid-week, the crew on the “Marli” had a great day tuna fishing, catching 51 yellowfins and keeping 17 along with a dolphin. The fish were caught in 150 fathoms in the Poor Man’s Canyon on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars. Fishing with Capt. Mark Hoos and Mate Mark Hoos, Jr. were Robbie Gsvind and Bill Galten of Berlin, MD, Kathie Hoos of Ocean City, MD, Danielle Shea of Annapolis, MD, Theresa Sakalski of Baltimore, MD and Ryan Dean of Eldersburg, MD. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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Ocean City Fishing Report

by Larry Jock



What a fantastic week of fishing. We had it all. A good offshore bite, a dynamite inshore bite on the reefs and wrecks and some really nice fish caught in the bay. Saturday was one of the busiest days we have seen in years with fish hitting the scales all over Ocean City.

FLOUNDER

As we first mentioned in last week's column, the hot spot for flounder fishing continues to be in the East Channel, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge. Over the long weekend, we saw several fish coming in from that area that weighed over 5 lbs. with 3 fish tipping the scales at over 7 lbs.

These fish seem to be moving into the bay from ocean reefs and wrecks as the water in the bay continues to warm up. We even saw a big flounder caught by an angler fishing off the wall on the north side of the Inlet.

On the reefs and wrecks, Capt. Monty on the "Morning Star" is arriving at the dock with some nice flounder catches each day.

The heaviest flattie caught so far this year in Ocean City was landed by Adam Zarfoss



Jacob Lambert of Frederick, MD (second from right) caught this 165 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Reel Toy" with Dave Fitzgerald and Mike Wolkoski of Baltimore, MD and Capt. Charles Wallace of Carney, MD. The bluefin hit a ballyhoo/Ilander combination in 25 fathoms in Massey's Canyon. Capt. Charles reported water temperature at 68-degrees. Pictured at Ake Marine.

on Friday. Adam caught the 7 lb. 15 oz. flounder in the East Channel on a bucktail tipped with flounder belly.

Flounder belly is always a great bait to use, but anglers are

also finding success using live spot, bull minnows, shiners and the Gulp! artificial baits.

BIGEYE TUNA

On June 19th we saw our first bigeye tuna in Ocean City, and this week we had 4 more hit the scales.

It started on Wednesday with the "Restless Lady" coming in with a 183 pounder, caught in 250 fathoms outside the Poor Man's Canyon.

On Saturday, the ocean was loaded with boats and 2 more bigeyes hit the scale. The "Fish Bonz" had an 83 pounder, caught in 500 fathoms outside the Poor Man's, and the "Press Time" brought in the heaviest one of the year, a 210 pounder from 200 fathoms in the Washington Canyon. All were caught on ballyhoo.

On Sunday, the "Clear Shot", with Capt. Bill Kneesi at the helm, had a 132.5 lb. bigeye, caught on an artificial squid in 150 fathoms in the Washington Canyon, where they also decked 3 yellowfins and a dolphin.

BLUEFIN TUNA

Catches of bluefin tuna have been scarce, but we have chalked it up to boats fishing for yellowfin tuna which have shown up in good numbers.

On Friday, the crew on the "Reel Toy", pictured on the left, took a trip out to Massey's Canyon and boated a 165 pounder, the heaviest bluefin we have seen this year.

On Sunday, Larry Bierley on the "Vitamin Sea" caught a 139 pounder on a trolled ballyhoo at the Hambone.

If the yellowfin bite stays as hot as it is, I don't expect many bluefins to be caught in the next couple of weeks. If you have a desire to catch a bluefin, the Hambone, Chicken Bone and Massey's Canyon areas would give you your best chance.

YELLOWFIN TUNA

The star of the offshore show this week was definitely yellowfin tuna, with several boats coming back with double-digit catches. We have seen smaller yellowfin for a few

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weeks now, but the great news is that the class of fish coming in this week were definitely larger, with several weighing in at over 40 lbs.

On Wednesday, the "Marli" caught 51 yellowfins, keeping 17, while fishing in the Poor Man's Canyon. The "Ranger" caught 20 yellowfins, keeping 5, also in the Poor Man's.

On Thursday, "That's Right" headed to 300 fathoms outside the Poor Man's Canyon and caught 30 yellowfins, keeping 10. Earlier in the week, they fished in 200 fathoms in the Poor Man's and caught 6 yellowfins, with the heaviest three weighing 46, 48 and 52 lbs.

On Friday, the yellowfin bite slowed, with only a few boats coming back with single digit catches.

Saturday was insane! The "Pumpin' Hard" came back with 5 yellowfins, totaling 202 lbs., all caught in 200 fathoms in the Washington Canyon. The "Tide Up" also had 5 yellowfins and the "Cyntinory" landed 4 that totaled 164 lbs.

The big catch on Saturday came from the "Playmate" who returned with 14 yellowfins, after catching 20 while trolling in 60-200 fathoms in the Washington Canyon.

We saw a lot of catches coming in from anglers trolling green machines, although skirted ballyhoo was also a popular bait.

SHARKS

As with bluefin tuna, the arrival of good numbers of yellowfins has seen most anglers switching from sharking to tuna fishing, although we still saw a couple hit the docks this week.

We didn't see any thresher sharks caught but on Saturday, the "Paradise" was on an overnight trip in 500 fathoms outside the Washington Canyon and they ended up boating a 195 lb. mako shark.

Also on Saturday, the "Wave Dancer" had a 155 lb. mako that was caught east of the Hotdog.

WAHOO

We haven't seen a single

wahoo hit the scales this year, but as the canyon waters continue to warm, I would expect to see one soon. Capt. John Oughton on the "That's Right" told me that they had one hooked but lost it right at the boat over the weekend.

TRIGGERFISH

It was "Triggerfish City" on some ocean wrecks over the weekend. We saw most boats coming in with 2-4 triggers, but the big catch was made by anglers on the "Flat Calm" on Saturday. The crew ventured down to the China Arrow wreck, which they said was near Winter Quarter Shoals. This is a new wreck to me, but from the size of their catch it definitely needs to be loaded into the GPS. They had a cooler full of triggerfish, spadefish and tautog.

On Friday, Tessa Dobrow on the "Morning Star" landed herself a 3 lb. 5 oz. triggerfish on a chunk of clam.

BLUEFISH

The largest bluefish we have seen so far this year was caught on Saturday by Mike Osifat on the "Jezebel". Mike landed a 13 pounder in 100 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon.

Capt. Gary Stamm on the "Pumpin' Hard" told me about finding loads of bluefish just outside the Lumpy Bottom. None were on top, but Gary said that if you were looking to fight choppers on light tackle, you would have had a field day.

SEA BASS

We continue to see catches of sea bass coming from ocean wrecks and reefs.

Capt. Monty Hawkins on the "Morning Star" had some interesting comments in his June 26th report regarding recent sea bass fishing. "For several days last weekend through Tuesday, while that low was stuck to our north, we had the lousiest, slowest fishing possible - and this over some of the biggest schools of sea bass this year. Cold water? Bellies full? Ripping current from the northeast had to be colder. Colors of male sea bass were

very bright - spawning time coming or happening. Fish were at times 50 to 60 feet off the bottom - indicative of krill & plankton feeding.

Most customers barely caught dinner during the period. Glad that's over!

I hope...

Much improved, it's now sea bass with a few flounder. Except when there's more flounder than sea bass."

IN THE SURF

Sue Foster at Oyster Bay Tackle reports, "We had reports of sharks and big rays from the surf. A few bluefish were biting on finger mullet. A couple stripers (mostly short) were caught on bunker and clam.

The sharks were caught on box squid, bunker, and bluefish heads. Didn't hear of any kingfish (whiting), but the water temperatures have jumped up 3 degrees from last week, which should bring them around. Kingfish take bloodworms, little pieces of bunker, shrimp or artificial bloodworms."

This weekend we have the 27th Annual Ocean City Marlin Club Canyon Kick-off. The Captain's Meeting is at 8 PM on July 2nd. Anglers are allowed to fish 2 of 3 days on July 3rd, 4th and 5th. Weigh-ins are at Sunset Marina from 5 PM to 7 PM.

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Gary and Peggy McQuitty of Rising Sun, MD along with Don and Eva Todaro of Bel Air, MD caught 30 yellowfin tuna, keeping 10 along with a dolphin while fishing on the "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and Mate John Griffith. The fish were caught in 68-degree water in 300 fathoms outside the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured at Fisherman's Marina.

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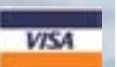
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Reginald Dickerson of Vineland, NJ, Bob Fogle of Thurmont, MD, Bob Reese of Ellicott City, MD and Jim and Sharon Cavey of Mt. Airy, MD returned with 5 flounder after fishing on the "Bay Bee" with Capt. Mike Walsh and Mate Tyler Adkins. All of the flatties were caught on shiners and squid in the bay behind Assateague Island. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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You don't see many cobia being caught in the bay behind Ocean City, but Ray DeFera of Brookhaven, PA caught this 31-incher on Friday morning. The cobia ate a minnow in the East Channel, north of the Rt. 50 Bridge and weighed 12 lbs. 8 oz.



Jim Friday of Plain City, OH and Todd McDonald of Hilliard, OH caught 6 yellowfin tuna while fishing on the "Bill\$ 4 Bills" with Capt. Mike Conner and Mate Fred Husman (pictured). The tuna were caught on trolled ballyhoo, spreader bars and cedar plugs in 100 fathoms at the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

The advertisement features a background image of a fishing lure. The text "Hooked on OC" is written in a large, stylized, cursive font. Below it, it says "Watch OCTV Channel 20 every evening at 5:30 pm or RVG Channel 36/Mediacom at 4:30 pm for Ocean City's Fishing Show". At the bottom, there is a logo for "UNSCENE PRODUCTIONS OCEAN CITY, MD" with silhouettes of people fishing. The website "www.hookedonoc.com" is at the very bottom.

The advertisement has a blue and white background with a wavy pattern. At the top is the "Laytons On 92nd" logo in a green oval. Below it, it says "Family Restaurant". The main text reads "Breakfast and Lunch Served All Day" and "We have the best breakfast in town!". It also advertises "Great fish tacos and crab cakes". There is a photo of a young girl holding a fish. To the right of the photo, it says "Congratulations to our Junior Angler of the Week Tessa Dobrow" and "3 lb. 5 oz. triggerfish". Below that, it says "Enjoy your gift certificate for four free breakfasts at Laytons on 92nd Street!". At the bottom, it says "Winners, stop by the Coastal Fisherman office to pick up your gift certificate". The address and phone number are listed: "Open Daily at 6:30 am 92nd St. Oceanside • Ocean City, MD • 410-524-4200". The phrase "GOOD FISHING!!" is at the bottom in a stylized font.

Driftin' Easy

— by Sue Foster



"What's biting in July?"

July is one of our busiest months in Ocean City. Vacationers come from all over to spend a few days or a week relaxing and enjoying some sun and fun. Fishing and crabbing is a pastime many enjoy. Even if you fish for just a few hours, sitting along the bayside with a rod and reel in hand, watching the boats go by, can be very enjoyable.

"So what's biting?"

We have a variety of fish in July. On the bayside, there are flounder caught on live minnows or frozen shiners; we have snapper bluefish that take shiners, squid, mullet or lures; we have croakers that eat worms, squid, or shiners.

If you fish close to the inlet rocks or the bulkhead along 2nd through 4th Streets, we have tautog, triggerfish and even sheepshead that like sand fleas or clam. There are lots of little fish for the kids to catch including Norfolk spot that like worms. Artificial Fish Bite Bloodworms work if the parents don't want to buy real bloodworms or night crawlers.

"What's biting at night?"

Night fishing is good on the hot days in July. Fishing the Inlets, Oceanic Pier, or the Rt. 50 Bridge is all good. Anywhere that

the water is deep and running and where lights shine on the water draw fish towards the surface. Stripers, bluefish, shad, and trout chase bait and will bite your lures if you present them correctly. Anglers use Spec Rigs, Gotcha Plugs, Swimming Shad lures, bucktail jigs with plastic worms attached, and lead heads with soft bodies. Any 5-inch soft body seems to be popular. Bass Assassins, Zooms, Fin-S Fish, Gulp! Shads, etc.... (There are hundreds of brands out there.)

"I'm staying right on the beach and want to surf fish in front of our place. What can I catch? Do I need a license?"

There is no license required in Ocean City for 2009, but if you venture into Delaware, you need one. (Ask again next year, because in 2010 things may be different.)

Anglers are allowed to surf fish before 10 am and after 5:30 pm. This is before the lifeguards go on duty and after the lifeguards go off duty. Between midnight and 5 am is prohibited. This is when the beach cleaning machines run the beach and the ordinance is a safety issue.

"What can I catch?"

Fishing is best at dawn and dusk. Stripers can be caught at these times with cut bait, lures, or bloodworms. Generally a soft

body on a lead head worked in close in the suds work for the stripers. Salt water flies are popular too!

In July, we have snapper blues (not very big, generally between 8 and 14 inches). Use finger mullet either chunked or with a whole finger mullet on a mullet rig. We have small trout, kingfish (whiting), croaker, and Norfolk Spot. All these pan fish take bloodworm, artificial Fish Bite bloodworm, shrimp, small strips of Calamari box squid, and small strips of cut spot, bunker, or mullet. Buy kingfish rigs with size #6 hooks when fishing for these pan fish. Flounder can be caught in the surf with live minnows or any kind of cut bait cut into strips.

Sharks and rays! The last few years has seen an increasing number of sand sharks and other sharks such as dusky, sand bar, sand tiger, spinner and angel sharks. Big rays and skates give anglers a tussle. Use a large bluefish rig baited with whole Calamari squid, chunk of bunker, or any small fish head including a bunker head. Cast out as far as you can. Sharks tend to come in close at dusk and after dark. Most people catch and release sharks. There are several you are not allowed to keep, so unless you are really good at identifying sharks, I tell anglers to release them. Sand sharks, the sharks that do not have teeth, are actually dog fish and you are allowed to keep two of them if you like.

If you are interested, these are the sharks you are not allowed to keep: ... white, dusky, sand tiger, sandbar, bigeye sand tiger, whale, basking bignose, Galapagos, Night, Caribbean reef, narrowtooth, Caribbean sharpnose, smalltail, Atlantic angel, longfin mako, bigeye thresher, sevengill, sixgill and bigeye sixgill...

"I brought my own boat down and want to go fishing!"

In the bays around Ocean City we have flounder, snapper blues, croaker and Norfolk spot. Most anglers fish for flounder with live minnows hooked through the lips, or frozen shiners hooked through the eyes. You can add a strip of squid to the hook to make a sandwich bait which is very effective! Anglers also use Fish Bite strips or

Berkley Gulp! Minnow or Mullet Grubs for extra added attraction.

Drift the channels around Ocean City being careful to follow the buoy markers. There are lots of sand bars and not much water at low tide. Buy an ADC Ocean City Recreational Map and study it to see where the channels are. Fish two hours before and after high tide for the best fishing.

If you cast around the South Jetty early in the morning or towards the evening with live spot, eel, or lures, there's a good chance you will hook into stripers. If you throw sand fleas around the rocks of the South Jetty you may catch some tautog, sheepshead, or trigger fish. If you go offshore to one of Ocean City's many artificial reef sites (buy the Ocean City Reef Foundation Charts at your favorite tackle store) you can catch sea bass, flounder, trigger fish, sheepshead and croaker. Use squid, shiners, clam and sand fleas.

"Where can I leave my trailer for the week?"

Boat trailers may not be parked on any public street, alley, or parking lot from May 1st through October 1st. Boat trailer parking is available at the 100th Street Municipal Lot. For information, call the lot at 410-524-0038

"I don't have a boat but want to go fishing on one!"

Grab the Coastal Fisherman, as all the boats are advertised within this most valuable free paper. Decide whether you want to go out into the ocean bottomfishing for sea bass, tautog, triggerfish and croaker and then pick a party boat that suits your needs. There are 1/2 day and full day trips.

If you want to stay in the bay, there are several bay party boats that go out for either 4 hour trips or two hour trips. These boats will be fishing primarily for flounder unless we have a good croaker run.

"What are the size limits and what do the fish look like?"

Again, within the pages of the Coastal Fisherman is a picture page for Maryland, Delaware and Virginia that show the size and creel limits of each species for each state. If it's not on there, then there is no size limit. There is also a tide chart

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each week. Have your favorite tackle store on speed dial in case you have any questions on the water. Most public fishing areas also have a size chart posted.

Don't lose your Coastal Fisherman paper during the week or use it for eating crabs or wrapping dishes. It is a handy fishing guide for just about everything that has to do with fishing. The papers come out on Wednesdays and go fast, so grab one first thing!!! You can also read it online and see all the new videos they have posted at www.coastalfisherman.net!


"How about crabbing?"
Crabbing is good in July and can be done from several public areas. In Ocean City, the best places to go are: the pier at Northside Park at 127th Street (It closes for a few days during the 4th of July); the pier at the Isle of Wight, which is located on the island in the middle of the Rt. 90 Bridge at 62nd Street (best with traps because the railing is high), and the pier behind Convention Hall at 41st Street. There are also crabbing piers on Assateague Island. (If you go in Delaware you need a fishing license to crab.)

Fishing in July can be a fun experience. Visit your favorite tackle store, and we'll tell you all about it!

Good fishing....


Sue Foster is an outdoor writer and co-owner of Oyster Bay Tackle in Ocean City, MD and Fenwick Tackle in Fenwick, DE.

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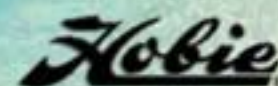
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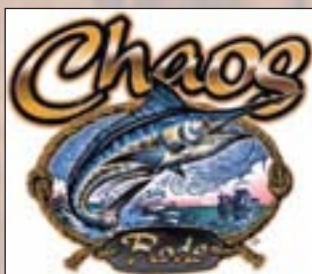
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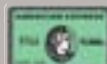
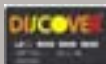
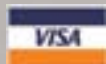
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1/4 cup lemon juice
5 tsp olive oil
4 trout fillets, skinned
8 thin slices lemon
1/4 cup mint leaves, chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

In a small bowl mix together the lemon zest, salt

and pepper and set aside.

Lay out 4 large sheets of aluminum foil.

Place 1/4 of the sugar snap peas, 1/4 each of the yellow and orange bell peppers.

Over each pile of veggies drizzle 2 TBSP. of white wine, 1 TBSP. of lemon juice and 1 tsp. of olive oil.

Sprinkle with salt and pepper and gently toss.

Top each pile of seasoned veggies with a piece of fish.

Sprinkle the fish with some of the reserved lemon zest mixture.

Top each fish with 2 slices of lemon.

Fold up the foil into an air-tight packet.

Place the foil packets in the oven and bake for 15 to 18 minutes, depending on the thickness of the fish.

Top with mint just before serving.

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Flounder with Shrimp Stuffing

For Stuffing:

6 TBSP. butter, cubed
1 small onion, finely chopped
1/4 cup finely chopped celery
1/4 cup finely chopped green pepper
1 lb. uncooked shrimp, peeled, deveined and chopped
1/4 cup beef broth
1 tsp. diced pimientos, drained
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1/2 tsp. dill weed
1/2 tsp. minced chives
1/8 tsp. salt
1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper
1 1/2 cups soft bread crumbs

For Fish:

6 flounder fillets
5 TBSP. butter, melted
2 TBSP. lemon juice
2 tsp. minced fresh parsley
1/2 tsp. paprika
Salt and pepper to taste

In a large skillet, melt butter.

Add the onion, celery and green pepper; saute until tender.

Add shrimp; cook and stir until shrimp turn pink.

Add broth, pimientos, Worcestershire sauce, dill, chives, salt and cayenne; heat through.

Remove from heat; stir in bread crumbs.

Spoon about 1/2 cup stuffing onto each fillet; roll up.

Place seam down in a greased 13x9 baking dish.

Drizzle with butter and lemon juice.

Sprinkle with seasonings.

Bake uncovered at 375 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes or until fish flakes easily with fork.

Serves 6.

Blackened Tuna with Blue Cheese Sauce

1 TBSP. Italian seasoning
1 tsp. cracked black pepper
2 TBSP. paprika
2 TBSP. salt
1 1/2 TBSP. cayenne pepper
2 TBSP. butter
1 TBSP. canola, for frying
4 tuna fillets

Blue Cheese Sauce:

1/4 cup white wine
1/2 cup heavy cream
1 cup blue cheese crumbles

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

In a small bowl, combine the Italian seasoning, black pepper, paprika, salt and cayenne.

Season each piece of fish with the rub.

Heat a large skillet over medium-high heat and add the butter and oil.

Once the butter has melted, add the fish and cook about 2 minutes per side.

Transfer the whole pan to the oven and cook for another 4 to 6 minutes.

For the sauce, place the white wine into a medium saucepan and reduce by half.

Add the heavy cream and allow to reduce.

Add the blue cheese and whisk until smooth.

Serve on top of the tuna.

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Tina Marechek of Annapolis, MD caught this 21.5-inch flounder on a shiner and squid combination in the Rehoboth Bay. Photo courtesy of Rick’s Bait & Tackle in Long Neck, DE.



Andrew Amrhein muscled in a 23-inch flounder while Lindsay Amrhein caught herself a 19.5-incher, both while fishing on the “Mullet Head” with Michael Amrhein. The fish were caught on live spot in the Indian River Inlet and weighed at Fenwick Bait & Tackle.



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Robert Camara of Aberdeen, MD and Joey Koester of Northeast, MD teamed up to land this 155 lb. mako shark while fishing on the "Wave Dancer" with Jay Koester and Andy Abel, Sr. of Northeast, MD, Jerry Bennett of Elkton, MD, Capt. Jeremy Blunt and Mate Logan Sappington. The mako ate a mackerel, east of the Hot Dog and was weighed at Sunset Marina.



Saturday was "Big Flounder Day" in Ocean City and Les Schott of Kingsville, MD caught himself a nice one, landing this 27-inch, 7 lb. 7 oz. flattie on a live minnow in the East Channel. Weighed at Ake Marine.



James Entwistle of Ocean City, MD, Jeremy Miller and Dave Wenrich of Berlin, MD and Shawn and Marshall Vitale of Lancaster, PA had a great day fishing at the China Arrow Wreck near Winter Quarter Shoals. The anglers ended their day with a cooler full of spadefish, triggerfish and tautog. The largest triggerfish weighed 7 lbs. 5 oz. on the scale at Ake Marine.



The heaviest bluefish we have seen weighed in Ocean City this year was caught on Saturday by Mike Osifat of Philadelphia, PA. Mike was fishing on the "Jezebel" with Capt. Chester Sadowski and Mate Frank Steuernagle when he muscled in this 13 lb. gator. The bluefish hit a trolled green machine in 100 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. Weighed at Sunset Marina.



These anglers took an overnight trip aboard the "Paradise" and returned with a 195 lb. mako shark. The mako ate a whole mackerel in 500 fathoms outside the Washington Canyon. Pictured are angler Ricky Polansky of Elkton, MD, Brett Robbins of Philadelphia, PA, Arthur Baker of Urbana, IL, Andrew Kuryloski of Havertown, PA, Capt. Brandon Speilman and Mate Bryan Hazard. Weighed at Bahia Marina.



Ralph Grove of Bowie, MD and Daryl Reinke of Alexandria, VA were fishing on the "Cyntinory" with Capt. Rick Carney and Mate Joe Bonvetti and ended their day with 4 yellowfin tuna and 4 dolphin in the box. The fish were caught east of the Washington Canyon in 55-250 fathoms on trolled ballyhoo, spreader bars and daisy chains. Total weight for the 4 yellowfins was 164 lbs. on the scale at Sunset Marina.



Joe and Andrea Vai of Wilmington, DE got in to some nice size tog and some triggerfish while fishing at the African Queen on Saturday. The tog weighed 10 lbs. 6 oz. and 15 lbs. 1 oz. and were caught on green crabs and sand fleas. Weighed at Ake Marine.

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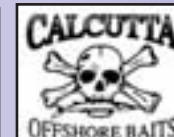
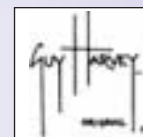
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Delaware Fishing Report

by Rick Willman



Hi folks! The weather has finally changed in our favor and the fish are really liking it.

Flounder fishing in the back bays has been pretty steady with a fair amount of keepers being caught. Reports from the "DB" Buoy area have finally gotten better. Keeper sea bass and flounder are now being caught.

Offshore fisherman are still having to travel south to the Poorman's Canyon area to score on yellowfin tuna and dolphin.

In the Pot-Nets Flounder Tournament, Ron Soltes leads the pack with a 6 lb. 2 oz. flattie.

Elsewhere, John Freese weighed in a 5 lb. 11 oz. flattie. Joe Vascuglia, Jeff Mock and Mike Moch caught stripers weighing up to 14 lbs. 10 oz.



Structure in the Delaware Bay is giving up some nice flounder lately, and Charles Bruckner from New Castle, PA took advantage of it, boating this 7 lb. 3 oz. flounder while drifting a strip of squid on the Star Site Reef. Charles was fishing on the "Indian" with Capt. Ted Moulinier and weighed his fish at Lewes Harbour Marina.

using live spot in the inlet. Capt. Bob Smallwood of "Dana Lynn Charters" called and reported a super day of sea bass fishing on the Old Grounds.

Don't forget to get signed up for the Rick's Bait and Tackle/Sea Side Gas and Grill Inshore Tournament held July 2nd, 3rd and 4th. The fee is \$25.00 and includes a T-shirt. Prize money will be paid out for heaviest flounder, bluefish, sea bass and tog. Don't miss out on the fun! For those of you stopping in with a hungry belly, we now have a hot dog vendor in the lot serving fine hot dogs, cold sodas, water and chips, and soon will be expanding the menu.

At Bill's Sport Shop on Rt. 1 in Lewes, we received the following report. Jason Young fished from the South Jetty of the Indian River Inlet and nailed a 35-inch striper that hit the scales at 17 lbs. 13 oz.

Captain Mike Rivera on the "On Delivery" reported, "this week has been great for fishing! We returned to the dock with a 350 lb. thresher! A couple of days later, the crew landed 2 nice makos and 2 dusky sharks on an 8 hour trip. Last Tuesday, there was a good flounder bite at "A" Buoy where we caught 6 big flatties."

The "Blue Collar Man" has had nice catches of sea bass and flounder at the Old

Grounds. The keeper ratio is improving daily as the doormat flounder continue hitting the box.

At Henlopen Bait and Tackle, Dan told us that flounder fishing continues to be steady. The Lewes Canal, Cape Henlopen Pier and the Delaware Bay have been producing flounder. The Anchorage has given up some real nice fish but rough water has been a problem. Along the beaches, bluefish have been plentiful along with sharks.

Bert at Hook'em & Cook'em Bait and Tackle at the Indian River Marina told us that stripers have been plentiful in the Indian River Inlet. Live spot, live eels and storm lures were very productive. A few flounder are being caught in the Inlet on GULP!

Len and Dawn Tettle captured 3 stripers weighing 17.5 lbs., 15.5 lbs. and 14.5 lbs. using Storm lures. Sam Bozothovic caught 2 stripers weighing 17.5 and 19.5 lbs. using live eels for bait. Charlie Horning reeled in a 6.8 lb. flattie in the Inlet.

Keeper flounder are being caught on ocean reefs and wrecks. Sea bass are plentiful and the keeper ratio is slowly improving. Anglers are still throwing back most of the sea bass being caught, but hopefully there will be a lot more keepers shortly.

Bluefish are still in the surf and in the Indian River Inlet. Shark fishing remains good for both threshers and makos. While fishing aboard "Sorry Charlie", Jonathan Kazem boated a 376 lb. thresher. Rick Sank captured a 170 lb. mako in the Poor Man's Canyon while fishing on the "Predator". Yellowfin tuna are also being caught in the Poor Man's Canyon.

Ron at Rattle & Reel Sporting Center on Long Neck Road told us that blues and stripers are in the Indian River Inlet. Ron also said that there is a large amount of flounder being caught but most are short.

Joe Morris at Lewes

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Harbour Marina said yellowfin action was hot during the week. Large numbers of small tuna were reported in the southern end of the Poor Man's Canyon, with catches generally taking place from the Triple 0's to the 960 line between one hundred and two hundred fathoms. Double-digit days were common among crews pulling Green Machines, cedar plugs and spreader bars. Skirted ballyhoo were effective as well, but crews found it was easier to feed fish plastics when the bite was fast and furious. The majority of tuna were short of the 27-inch curved fork length minimum, but enough keepers weighing up to 40 lbs. were mixed in to make culling through the little ones worthwhile.

Trollers even encountered an occasional bigeye. Some guys made the most of abundant tuna by utilizing light tackle. The yellowfins responded eagerly to surface plugs and were a blast to

battle on spinning gear. Jon Kitchen and family had fun trolling in the Poor Man's Canyon. Carol Kitchen captured a 38.8 lb. yellowfin that grabbed a green spreader bar. Maddie Kitchen reeled in her first yellowfin, a 20 pounder. The guys aboard the "Skipjack" got into tuna during an afternoon bite in the Poor Man's, putting 14 yellowfins on ice, and releasing 17 others. They spent the night and returned with a nice mako caught by Randy Doyle.

Good-sized makos were reported offshore feeding on plentiful small tuna. Makos also continued to be prevalent on structure between twenty and thirty fathoms. Several blackeyes came from the Sausages and across the Fingers. Ed Sigda, Bill Fintel and Michael Fritz tangled with a pair of makos to 200 lbs. in Massey's Canyon on Saturday.

Offshore bottom bouncers had success with tilefish. Bill

Swords and friends deep dropped in the Washington Canyon for six goldens weighing up to 35 lbs. and a mess of big sea bass.

Inshore bottom fishermen found flounder on Reef Sites #10 and #11, and the Old Grounds. Spro jigs tipped with cut bait or Gulp! artificial baits were effective. Casey Taylor caught a 7.62 lb. doormat and Bob Stauffer got a 6.53 pounder at Site #10 on the "Lil' Angler". Sea bass were mixed with fluke on ocean structure, but 12 1/2 inch keepers were hard to come by.

In the Delaware Bay, croakers made their arrival this past week. Plenty of small hardheads were taken between the Star Site and the Shears using clams, squid, bloodworms and Fishbites. Bigger fish have been filtering in each day. The artificial reefs have yielded some good flounder. Charles Bruckner boated a 7.19 lb. fluke at Site #8 on the "Indian". Dion Bryan bested a 7.25 lb. flattie

July 1, 2009 Coastal Fisherman Page 31 on Site #8 aboard the "Martha Marie". Bert Long landed a 6.93 pounder, also at the Star Reef Site #8. Joe Walker, Tom Coyle and Joe Walker, Jr had their limit of 12 fine keepers at the Star Site on Saturday. Flounder also hung out on Reefs #6 and 7 at Brown Shoal, in the crossover at the top of the Anchorage, and along the channel edges between #14 and #19 Buoys. Flounder continued to come from the Lewes Canal, Broadkill River and Roosevelt Inlet as well. The Cape Henlopen, Cape Shores and Port Lewes Piers also produced fluke, as did shallow water near the Ferry Jetty and along Broadkill Beach. Small jigs tipped with shiners or Gulp! were deadly in skinny water. Joey Fiorentino used a Gulp! grub to fool a 5.45 lb. flatfish in the shallows near Broadkill.

'Til next week, have fun and be safe!!!!

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Tautog 	January 4, 2009 Billy Collins "Ocean Princess" Offshore Wreck	February 4, 2008 Joe Restuccia "Karen Sue" Wreck	White Marlin 	June 10, 2009 Terry Layton "Nontypical" Poor Man's Canyon	June 9, 2008 Jim Miner "Judge" Norfolk Canyon
Striped Bass 	January 3, 2009 Baron Daiker "Baron Sea" Little Gull	January 1, 2008 RJ Roppelt "Reel Persuasion" Little Gull	Blue Marlin 	June 10, 2009 Jake Burger "Marlin Magic" Poor Man's Canyon	June 9, 2008 Jason Hinton "No Limits" Middle Sausage
Weakfish 	May 13, 2009 Rich Bell Sinepuxent Bay	May 16, 2008 Nick Sharp Roosevelt Inlet	Bluefin Tuna 	May 23, 2009 Butch Bradshaw "DILLIGAF" Baltimore Canyon	April 11, 2008 Greg Hook "Stress Reel-ief" Wilmington Canyon
Flounder 	April 18, 2009 Bo Smeltzer "Gotta Jones" Verrazano Bridge	March 23, 2008 Preston Walls Rt. 90 Bridge	Yellowfin Tuna 	June 8, 2009 Kelly Horning "Fish Whistle" Poor Man's Canyon	May 25, 2008 Kevin King "Marli" Norfolk Canyon
Bluefish 	May 13, 2009 Henry Busby Bethany Surf	April 24, 2008 John Foreman Assateague Surf	Longfin Tuna 	None Reported	June 20, 2008 Jim Short "Not Right" Baltimore Canyon
Black Drum 	April 25, 2009 Chris Tenbusch Assateague Surf	April 24, 2008 Capt. Mac Simpson Assateague Surf	Bigeye Tuna 	June 19, 2009 Michael Branson "Reel Compromise" Washington Canyon	August 25, 2008 Bert Long Wilmington Canyon
Sheepshead 	May 23, 2009 Tassos Argyros Ocean Wreck	June 5, 2008 Joe Shaffer North Jetty	Dolphin 	May 21, 2009 Chuck Dammann "Restless Lady" Poor Man's Canyon	May 25, 2008 Janan Mohamed "Marli" Norfolk Canyon
Thresher Shark 	May 25, 2009 Ron Skenk "On Delivery" Lightship	May 24, 2008 Justin Michalski "Uptite" S.E. of Jackspot	Wahoo 	None Reported	July 1, 2008 Matt Migliore "Marli" Lumpy Bottom

For a copy of this page or to report your catch, call the Coastal Fisherman at 410-213-2200



Dennis Boswell of Mt. Airy, MD (center) caught a triggerfish, while Robert Cook of Hartly, DE and Kevin Cook of Townsend, DE each caught some sea bass while fishing on the headboat "Angler" with Capt. Chris Mizurak and Mates Dean Lo and Matt Temple. The triggerfish was caught on a sand flea, while squid was used to catch the sea bass. Pictured at Capt. Bill Bunting's Angler Dock.

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Past the Breakers

by Sam Kilgore



"You caught that here? What are you going to do with it? You are not going to let it go, are you?" These are only a few of the many questions I cannot help but hear, but do not answer. My attention is totally focused on my catch and ensuring it gets back into the water as fast and as safely as possible. With the help of a friend and a pair of heavy-duty pliers, I carefully remove the 20/0 circle hook from the corner of the fish's mouth. I take a few steps back to briefly catch my breath and embrace the moment. She is well over seven feet in length and to me, one of the prettiest fish I have ever caught. As fast as possible my buddy and I carefully, but gently pull her back into the water and ensure she swims back out past the breakers. I



take a few more minutes to relish the incredible feeling of successfully catching and releasing another unbelievable fish I had worked so hard to find. I take another deep breath, slowly turn around and

prepare myself for the really challenging part; taking a half an hour to answer questions about the shark I just caught from the beach.

Yes, believe it or not, there are many species of sharks cruising along the Delmarva beaches. They are there during the day, during the night, in the summer and the winter. And guess what? They are there for a reason: To eat other surf dwelling critters such as skates, stingrays, kingfish, croakers, mullet, bluefish, jellyfish, sand fleas and other marine life. I grew up swimming, boogie boarding, surfing and kayaking and have never felt threatened by a shark and only on a few occasions have even seen one when not fishing for them.

There are a lot of experienced anglers who prefer not to fish for sharks for one reason or another. For me, sharks are another incredibly fun and challenging critter to catch! I have taken quite a few folks to the beach and have shown them the techniques I have learned. The end result is almost always the same.

Initially, most people appear to be moderately interested when I explain how close to shore the sharks feed, how large they can grow and how strong they fight when

hooked. Some people have no intentions of hiding their excitement while others act as if it will be just another day of fishing. However, I have yet to find anyone able to contain their enthusiasm the first time they tightly hold that rod and are literally forced to take a few steps forward because of the unexpected strength of a six-foot sandbar shark. Once the fight is over and the shark has been beached, I have a friend or two help me remove the hook and carefully return the shark unharmed.

It is always interesting to watch the reaction of the angler who just caught their very first large shark. I believe this truly eye opening experience helps shake off that media induced fear of sharks that so many people have been forced to believe.

It is unfortunate how so many species of sharks have all been labeled "monsters". The shark's reputation and livelihood have been greatly damaged from fictional novels turned into movies about an enormous, man-eating, Great Whites or a whole week of TV packed with suspenseful, recreated footage with very subtle, yet ominous background music. Sharks are very fascinating to watch on television, especially the excellent and rare video that captures the extreme moments when sharks do what everything else does... eat.



Sharks play a very important role in maintaining stability in our local ecosystem by feeding on certain aquatic creatures. One of the main food sources for larger sharks is the stingray. For years, cownose rays have been a major problem for Chesapeake Bay

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South Trimble is pictured with 2 of the 3 flounder he caught this day while drifting a live minnow at the Fenwick Ditch. The flatties measured 19.75 and 21-inches and were caught at the end of the incoming tide.



Rob Moore and Brian Harner from Douglasville, PA brought this 38 lb. bluefin tuna back to the dock after catching it at the Hambone. Weighed at Rick’s Bait & Tackle.

Past the Breakers continued:

oyster growers. Understanding the fact that sharks of all sizes help maintain that fragile balance is incredibly important.



To stand on the sand and go “one on one” with a shark that is larger than you and bring it to your feet is a powerful experience. But, before you go out and buy the biggest hooks you can find with the intention on catching “Jaws” from the surf, there are several steps you need to take to prepare for shark fishing from the beach. This can be a very exciting way to fish the surf, but there are unique dangers involved and an inexperienced angler should always fish with someone who knows how to fight and handle a shark from hookset to release.

I have created a detailed section on my website dedicated to learning the steps involved with fishing for sharks from the surf. It can be found at www.atlanticanglers.com/fishing/beach-shark-fishing.

I also highly recommend Mark Sampson’s new book “Modern Sharking” for excellent advice on shark

Personally observing a shark and understanding how it reacts on the sand, the sensation of touching the shark and comprehending the fact that you are in control of that creature’s life can be a very humbling experience. After releasing it alive, you may soon forget your preconceived ideas and find that original fear has been replaced with great respect.

Sam Kilgore is an avid surf fisherman and administers AtlanticAnglers.com, a free, family friendly website devoted to helping anglers learn all aspects of fishing.

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Ship To Shore

by Pat Schrawder



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This is the time of year when boaters are installing new fish finders or repairing their old ones in preparation for the 2009 season. One of the critical elements for your fish finder is its transducer (the part that is mounted through the hull or on the transom).

Your fish finder and its transducer work as a system. The fish finder sends a signal out from the display unit through the transducer cable and out from the transducer element. Internally, the transducer element vibrates at a specific frequency creating acoustic energy or sound waves that travel through the water, either dissipating, being absorbed or returned. The receiving signal is collected and returned back to the display

where the image is shown. Both the transducer and the display are manufactured with certain frequencies and those much match. Similarly, the output power of the display must coincide with the power of the transducer. If the output power of the display is greater, it can "blow out" the transducer element and if it is too much less, the transducer will not fire properly.

Transducers come as single element units that vibrates alternately at 50 kHz and 200 kHz or multiple element units that fire their independent elements individually. They also may contain speed wheels and/or temperature sensors. These transducers are generally referred to as Tri-ducers and they are by far the most popular in today's market. Once again, however, you can only use a tri-ducer that is compatible with

your particular fish finder. You can also find transducers that are single frequency but it is not the typical request. Having two frequencies allows you to have the best of both worlds. The higher frequency (200 kHz) has a narrower beamwidth and is better for shallow water whereas the lower 50 kHz units see into deeper water and cover a wider area. The trade off is that they produce less detailed images.

Once you have made sure that the frequency and power are correct, there are still decisions to be made. Top of the list is where and how it will be mounted. Transducers that are mounted through the hull are often considered to give superior performance and are typical for higher power models. This comes with several drawbacks, however. They require that a hole be cut in the hull, making the installation lengthier and more critical in that they must be adequately sealed to prevent water from entering the hull. They are more difficult to access for periodic cleaning and they may present a problem for trailerable boats as you must install them at a spot where the trailer will not hit the transducer when you take the boat on and off.

Transom mount transducers are the simplest to install and are less expensive. They do not require a hole to be cut in the hull. They are easier to access when they need cleaning and if you need to replace a speed wheel. There are certain things you need to observe, however, when mounting them. They should be kept as far away as possible from any turbulence as occurs with the prop wash and they need to be angled slightly

forward.

A third option is to mount the transducer in-hull. The signal shoots through the hull and that eliminates the problems associated with turbulence and cleaning. The downside to these is that you sacrifice performance as you will cut down your power. Boats with aluminum or steel hulls cannot use this type. Many wooden boats will also have a problem. Only fiberglass boats with no flotation core are good candidates for this. Also keep in mind that your transducer will not be able to support the "speed" function or give you water temperature readings because they do not touch the water.

One final thing to keep in mind is that more than one transducer firing at the same frequency at the same time can cause interference that makes your signal unreliable or noisy. This means you can have more than one fish finder of the same operating frequency on your boat but you cannot use them both at the same time. You can also experience the same problem if you are closely alongside another boat and both of you have your fish finders on.

Don't install a transducer yourself unless you are fully acquainted with the proper procedures. An incorrectly installed or improperly matched transducer can make even the best fish finder a waste of money.

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Jacob Brotemarkle of Yeagertown, PA caught this 7 lb. 12 oz. bluefish while fishing with Kevin Bowersox, Michael Myers, Capt. Nick Clemente and Mate Tyler Hasenei on the "Get Sum". The chopper ate a live spot in the East Channel and was weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Tanner Brown, Tera Brown and Travis Brown, all from Hagerstown, MD were drifting in the bay on the "Hammer" when they hooked into these three flounder, all caught on live minnows. Pictured at Bahia Marina.

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by Mark Sampson



Another Ocean City Shark Tournament has come and gone, and after 29 years of working the event you'd think that there wouldn't be any surprises left, but that's not the way the tournament business goes - ever! Between the weather, the fishing action, the competitors, the sponsors and the spectators, there's always something going on that keeps each tournament unique and all of us on our toes.

This year's event brought its own share of interesting twists and turns. Of course, the 876 lb. mako caught by Jim Hughes was something no one even remotely considered would happen. Adding to the uniqueness of the state record catch was that when Jim and the crew of the "Nontypical" came to the weigh station that evening, the existing Maryland state record holder Frank Gaither was in the crowd to watch the weigh-ins. It was

neat to see Frank congratulating Jim and effectively passing the torch he's proudly carried since he caught his 766 lb. mako 25 years ago.

Another surprise last week was finding out halfway through the tournament that shark regulations had changed making a few species not legal to bring back to the dock just hours after I had announced on the radio to our competitors that those species (hammerheads, spinners, blacktips) could be brought in. The confusion started when a press release suggested that these sharks could not be retained in state or federal waters until July 15th. When I first heard the news I called some folks I know at NMFS and explained that we had this tournament going on and needed to know for sure if those were still legal sharks to bring back. I was told that NMFS

didn't have any regulations that would close hammerheads, spinners and blacktips from recreational harvest.

I then looked at the current shark regulations on Maryland's website and saw that they said nothing about those species being closed. So I thought "good, our competitors can keep those sharks if they happen to land a potential qualifier." Later, on a hunch, I called someone I know from DNR. After he and I did a little research and fit together some pieces of the puzzle we were both surprised to find that, in order to protect coastal sharks during the pupping season in the inshore nursery grounds, Maryland and our surrounding states has closed the season on a number of species including hammerheads, spinners and blacktips. Even though those species can be landed in federal waters (more than 3-miles out) they cannot be brought back into state waters.

All that created some unneeded excitement right smack in the middle of the Shark Tournament as I scrambled to get the word out to our teams (who were all out on the ocean) that hammerheads, spinners and blacktips could not be brought in. It was definitely not the kind of surprise you want to have during such an event. Fortunately, it all worked out as the only fish in that category that had been caught were released anyway.

It was quite a surprise that so few bluefish were taken during this year's event. Traditionally the big blues have been so abundant that shark fishermen would complain about them invading their chum slicks and tearing up their shark baits. With many thousands of dollars

riding on the heaviest fish, a lot of teams spent part of their time specifically targeting bluefish, but for some reason the fish just weren't out there and most anglers never encountered a single blue in two days of fishing.

Usually by this time of the year the water temperatures on the sharking grounds are in the 70's; however, but recently they seem to be stuck around 65. These lower temps have been the culprit behind all the fog we've been having and I expect it is also the reason thresher and even blue sharks are still lingering. You can bet that we were surprised to catch a blue shark last Wednesday (6/24), because usually by mid-June they've all moved back out to the deep, and as much as I like thresher sharks, I have to admit that I wish the bulk of them would go away as well. Too many of the big females have been brought in this season, and since so many of them this time of the year are carrying pups, I just don't think it's a good idea for anglers to keep the females for any reason! I was pleasantly surprised that the one brought in during our tournament was a male.

It'll be 30 years for the Ocean City Shark Tournament next year, and I suppose that if it were any other kind of event a lot of it could end up being just another year of "same-old-same-old", but when it comes to anything in the fishing business these days, there's no such thing thanks to all the good and sometimes not-so-good surprises that are sure to come along.

Mark Sampson is an outdoor writer and Captain of the charter boat "Fish Finder", docked at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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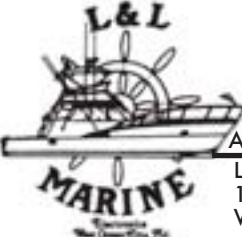
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Tom Berry of Millsboro, DE, Bill Wise of Georgetown, DE, Travis Greenway, Mike Miller and Ron Titsworth of Northeast, MD, and Kurt Flechsigg of Rising Sun, MD had a great day tuna fishing on Saturday aboard the "Playmate" with Capt. Willie Zimmerman and Mate Justin Hart. The anglers caught 20 yellowfin tuna, keeping 14 along with a dolphin, all on ballyhoo and green machines in the Washington Canyon. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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Tautog 	March 15, 2009 Capt. Kane Bounds "Judith M" 19 lbs. 8 oz.	May 3, 2009 Bill Gable "#1 Hooker" 14 lbs. 10 oz.	Thresher Shark 	June 19, 2009 Brent Applegit Fingers 642 lbs.	June 20, 2009 David Bixler "On Delivery" 347 lbs.
Striped Bass 	May 17, 2009 Donald Hatfield Assateague Surf 45 lbs. 8 oz.	May 13, 2009 Derek Bair Indian River Inlet 35 lbs. 6 oz.	Cobia 	June 26, 2009 Ray DelFera East Channel 12 lbs. 8 oz.	No Weights Reported
Weakfish 	May 16, 2009 Chris Tilghman Rt. 90 Bridge 7 lbs. 8 oz.	May 24, 2009 Isaiah Ross Broadkill River 6 lbs. 8 oz.	Bluefin Tuna 	June 26, 2009 Jacob Lambert Massey's Canyon 165 lbs.	June 28, 2009 Jody Gessford "MEGA-BITE" 180 lbs.
Speckled Trout 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported	Yellowfin Tuna 	June 23, 2009 Bryan Davido "That's Right" 52 lbs.	June 8, 2009 John Horning "Fish Whistle" 34 lbs.
Flounder 	June 26, 2009 Adam Zarfoss East Channel 7 lbs. 15 oz.	June 20, 2009 Butch Brooks Indian River 10 lbs. 13 oz.	Longfin Tuna 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported
Bluefish 	June 27, 2009 Mike Osifat Poor Man's Canyon 13 lbs.	May 24, 2009 Troy Schifflett 12 Fathom Lump 13 lbs. 13 oz.	Bigeye Tuna 	June 27, 2009 Scott Pringle "Press Time" 210 lbs.	June 21, 2009 Doug Rinicker Poor Man's Canyon 102 lbs.
Sheepshead 	June 11, 2009 Tassos Argyros Barn's Table Wreck 11 lbs. 4 oz.	No Weights Reported	Dolphin 	May 21, 2009 Chuck Dammann "Restless Lady" 30 lbs.	May 24, 2009 Ron Frank "Da Chief" 19.6 lbs.
Black Drum 	No Weights Reported	May 22, 2009 Anthony Lano Coral Beds 82.3 lbs.	Wahoo 	No Weights Reported	No Weights Reported

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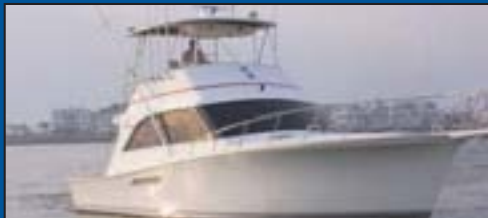
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Virginia Fishing Report

by Dr. Julie Ball



The saltwater action continues to heat up along the Mid-Atlantic coast, and should continue to only get better.



The big news inshore is still cobia. Cobia chummers are doing well, with many boats returning from the shoals with keeper fish and a

few trophies weighing to near 80 lbs. The areas off Hampton, from the Rock Pile to off of Buckroe Beach are producing fish. The Nine Foot Shoal and Latimer Shoal areas are also producing decent catches lately. A few cobia are also cruising the surface and hanging around bridge pilings, making targets for sight casters. The first big cobia tournament of the season, the Hampton Creek Cobia Tournament, was won with a 77.5 lb. bruiser, caught by Ryan Summerford of Newport News aboard the "Reel Stripper."



Although red drum are overshadowed by the cobia interest, reds are still available along Fisherman's Island and the Nine Foot shoal areas. Most catches are incidental by-catches by boats targeting cobia. Several boats released dozens of bull reds while chumming for cobia this week. Although slow, recent black drum hook-ups are

coming from the four artificial islands of the Bay Bridge Tunnel, casting bucktails.



Spadefish action is hit and miss around the Chesapeake Light Tower lately, but the four islands of the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel, as well as the pilings, are producing good catches of respectable fish. Inshore wrecks are also holding good numbers of spades, as well as the Cell and Wolftrap Light further up the Bay. Sheepshead action is picking up along the CBBT, while triggerfish are becoming a nuisance in these same areas.

Tautog became legal again this week, and will willingly take your offerings of crab or fiddlers on inshore wrecks and along the islands and CBBT proper.

The flounder scene is faring well in most of the usual haunts lately. Although still weeding through many shorts, good numbers of keepers are coming from the CBBT area. Live baiting over structure is working best for the larger doormats. Bigger flatfish are also coming from within the inlets. Wally Anderton of Virginia Beach landed a nice 7 pounder while

fishing inside Lynnhaven River this week.

Speckled trout and puppy drum are still available within the lower bay inlets, and within the back waters of Mobjack bay.

Spanish mackerel action is very good right now, with larger keepers now becoming more consistent. These fish are making a great showing along the oceanfront, with the Cape Henry area the hot spot lately. Keeper-sized Spanish were even boated inside Lynnhaven Inlet this week. Trolled Drone and Clark spoons offer good, fast action for kids and guests. Once the water clears a little more along the beaches, king mackerel should make its debut.

Amberjack are showing on wrecks and navigation towers. The action is good, but right now the majority of the fish are ranging between 44 and 48-inches. A few citation-size fish over 50-inches are around, but plan to put in the time.



Deep dropping along the Canyon edges is still giving up good numbers of deep water species, such as tilefish and grouper. Seabass are also still available on structures from about 30-miles out, and on out to deeper wrecks.

The Virginia offshore season is heating up, and the yellowfin tuna bite is still the main attraction, with outstanding numbers of fish still the norm. A few bigeyes are also around, with school-sized bluefin tuna available on some of the inshore lumps, where the Hotdog produced this week. Mako sharks are making a showing, with several reports of these sharks helping themselves to trolled spreads.

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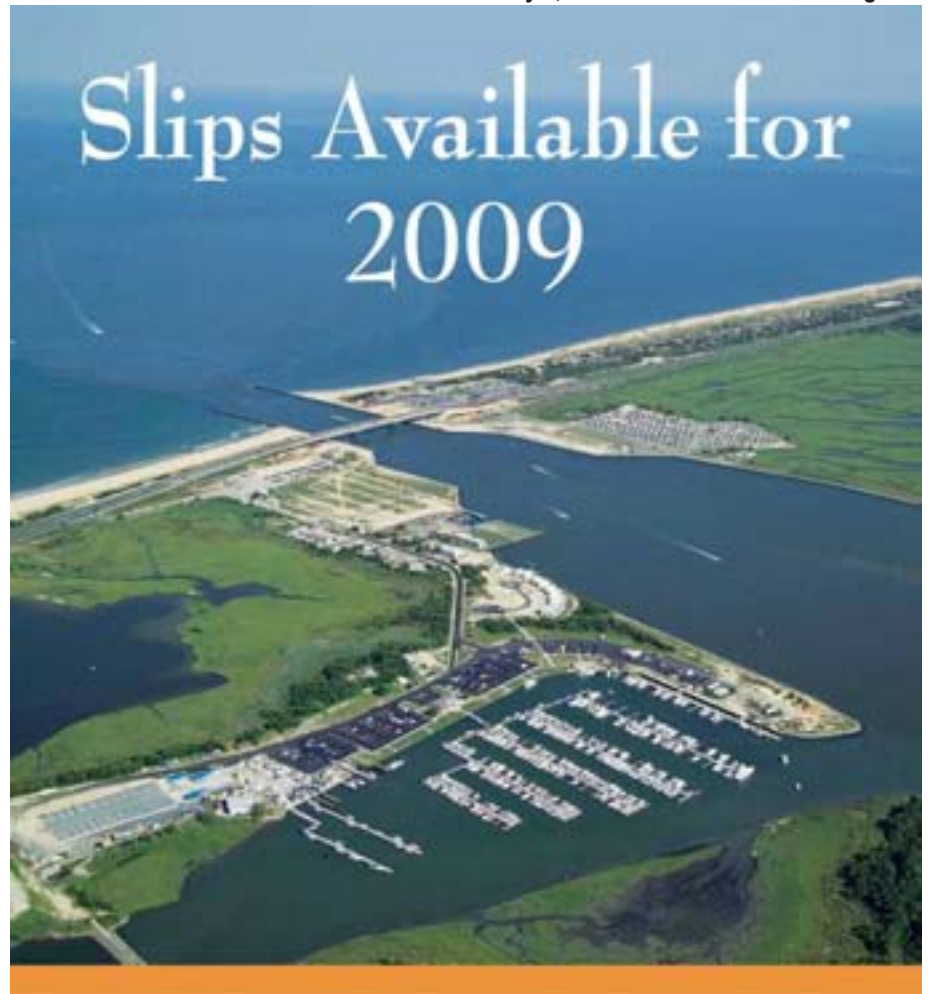
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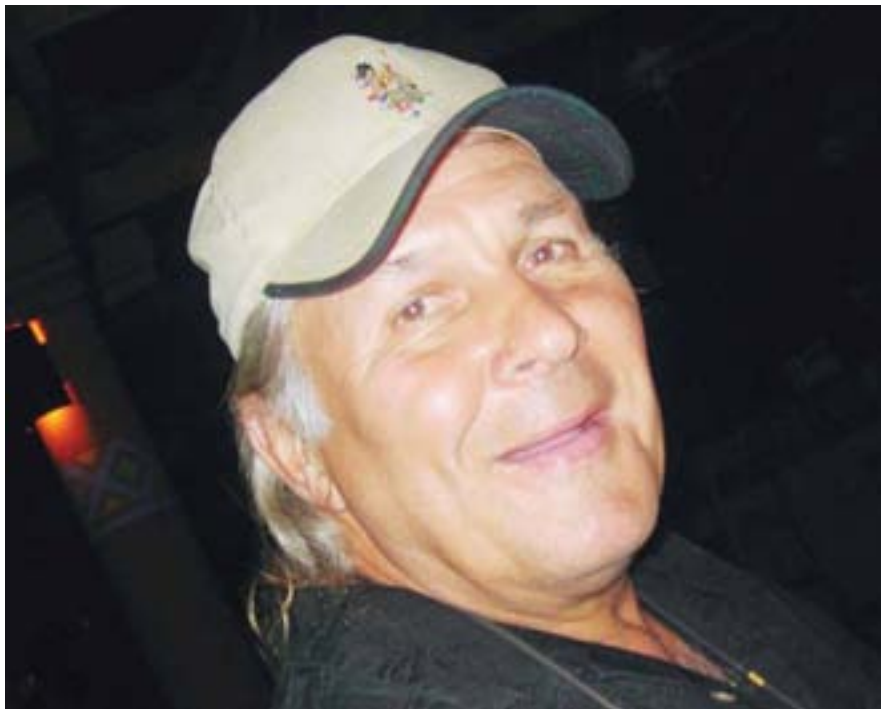
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Earle Curtis "Skip" Johnston, age 64, died Wednesday, June 17, 2009 at his home under the care of his wife and Coastal Hospice after suffering a short battle from gastric cancer.

Born in Washington, D.C. he was the son of the late Earle Apgar and Alice Rebecca Johnston.

He was the owner of Metal Magic and known to many as the "Merlin of Metal Magic".

Skip was an artist and metal fabricator and had worked for many years for Stromberg's in Washington, DC. He was a member of the Sheet Metal Union Local #100 for over 28 years.

Skip was a recipient of two Master Craftsman Awards for Georgetown Park. He worked on the Presidents car #1000 under President Nixon. He also did work for the White House, Pentagon, Mellon Art Gallery, Corcoran Art Gallery, Gallaudet University and the Willard Hotel all in Washington DC.

Skip's work can be found throughout Ocean City, the giant stainless steel hook at the White Marlin Marina, Sunset Park, Galaxy 66, Seacrets, Party Block, 9th St. Station on the boardwalk, Liquid Assets, OCFD Trucks and the huge fishing reel mailbox at Ake Marine. There is hardly a restaurant or business in town that has not touched by his artistic input.

Some of Skip's apprentices went on to work for the US Treasury Department and NASA.

Skip was an avid hunter in his earlier years and truly loved offshore fishing in Ocean City as well as around the world especially in Cabo. He loved riding his Harley on long trips.

He was a good man with a huge heart, abundance of knowledge and an uncanny sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by those who had the opportunity to know him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Laura Johnston; three daughters, Shirlee Trumm and her husband Kenny, Christine Butler, Melanie Pallo and her husband Todd; 2 step children, Angela Asmussen and her husband Eric and Gabriel Temple; two brothers, Chris Johnston and Steve Johnston and ten loving grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Maria Roderick and a son, Daniel Johnston.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 25, 2009 at 2:00 pm at the Ocean City Marlin Club on Golf Course Road in West Ocean City.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Esophageal Cancer Society or the Cancer Society of your choice.

There will be a memorial motorcycle ride in his honor and that date will be announced later.

"Therefore you too now have sorrow, but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice" Psalm 23 John 16:22



Jim Lutz of Berlin, MD and Mark Berry of Telford, PA caught 6 keeper flounder (4 pictured) while drifting shiners on the flats north of the Thorofare. The largest flounder measured 23.5-inches.

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Davey Morris of Woodbine, MD (center) caught this 83 lb. bigeye tuna while fishing on the "Fish Bonz" with Neil Mulloy of Cockeysville, MD, Charlie Frank of Mt. Airy, MD, Zach Brendel of Woodbine, MD, Capt. Mark Radcliffe and Mate Phil Knapp. The 52-inch bigeye, along with a 43-inch dolphin and a yellowfin tuna were caught on trolled ballyhoo in 500 fathoms outside the Poor Man's Canyon. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Early in the week, this group of anglers on "That's Right" with Capt. John Oughton and Mate John Griffith returned to the dock at Fisherman's Marina with 6 yellowfin tuna, all caught in 200 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. The heaviest yellowfin weighed 52 lbs. Pictured are Bryan Davido of Milwaukee, WI, Craig Schack and Chris Hammond of Cincinnati, OH, Tom Hammond and Randy Dixon of Toledo, OH and Don Jahns of Bowling Green, OH.

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Chuck Wiesen of Chesapeake City, MD captured this 6 lb. 6 oz. flounder on a Gulp! 4-inch shrimp in the bay behind Frontier Town.



Patrick Rodabaugh of Evans, GA caught his first flounder, a 19-inch, while fishing in the bay behind Assateague Island with his brother, Thomas Rodabaugh and his uncle, Jeremy Blunt. The flounder was caught on a squid and shiner combination and weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Jody Gessford, Ryan Johnson and Collin Jackson teamed up to land this 180 lb. bluefin tuna and a dolphin while fishing on the "MEGA-BITE" with Capt. Tom Murphy and Mate Tom Murphy, III. The big bluefin ate a horse ballyhoo behind a blue and white Ilander at the Hambone where the anglers also raised a white marlin. Pictured at Hook'em & Cook'em at the Indian River Marina.



Larry Bierley of Annapolis, MD muscled in this 139 lb. bluefin tuna while fishing on the "Vitamin Sea" with Matthew Bierley and Rick Garner. The 63-inch bluefin hit a trolled ballyhoo at the Hambone. Weighed at the Ocean City Fishing Center.

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Austin Bickford, David Bailey, Jeffrey Oakley, Andy Brinsdale and Craig Bickford, all from Chesapeake Beach, MD teamed up to catch 20 yellowfin tuna (kept 5) and a 100 lb. mako shark while fishing on the "Ranger" with Capt. Jason Norton. The fish were caught on trolled ballyhoo and spreader bars in 150 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



Willie Uhlig from Halethorpe, MD caught himself a 24.5-inch flounder while Tim Hockensmith from Tandytown, MD caught a nice flounder and sea bass, both during a trip aboard the "Morning Star" with Capt. Monty Hawkins and Mates Rich Silvani and Mike Kinder. Pictured at the Ocean City Fishing Center.



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Angler Ian Duncan of Millersville, MD captured this 130 lb. mako shark while fishing with Cole Duncan, Jessica Walsh, Sydney Duncan, Capt. Todd Kurtz and Mate Rich Hastings. The mako ate a mackerel at the Hambone and was weighed at the Talbot Street Pier.



Jeremy Fisher of Etters, PA caught this 7 lb. 5 oz. flounder while drifting a live minnow in the Indian River Bay. Weighed at Rattle & Reel Sporting Center in Long Neck, DE.



Bill Snyder of Ocean Pines, MD was fishing with live spot in the East Channel when he hooked into this 26-inch flounder at the beginning of the outgoing tide.

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On Friday, Mark Simokat of Glen Burnie, MD, Butch Cook of Manchester, MD, Roger Eskut of Frederick, MD, Jim McCracken from Delta, PA, Tony Stampone from White Hall, MD and Charles Powell of Parkton, MD caught 7 yellowfin tuna while fishing on the "Marli" with Capt. Mark Hoos and Mate Mark Hoos, Jr. The fish totaled 139 lbs., with the heaviest tipping the scales at 48 lbs. All of the fish were caught in 100 to 150 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. Weighed at Sunset Marina.

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Jason Linzau of Silver Spring, MD was fishing on the "Tortuga" with his cousin, John Cinotti his sister, Amanda Linzau, Capt. Drew Zerbe and Mates Serge Garder and Chase Eberle when he hooked into this 24.5-inch, 5 lb. 4 oz. flounder in the Thorofare. Weighed at Bahia Marina.



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Preston and Debbie Walls from Ridgely, MD ended their day on Friday with 4 keeper flounder, all caught on live spot in the East Channel. The flounder ranged between 18.25 and 23 inches, with the heaviest flattie tipping the scales at 5 lbs. 6 oz.



Clayton Noble of Fairfax, VA caught this bluefish and 2 skipjack tuna while fishing on the "Bug Money" in 100 fathoms in the Poor Man's Canyon. Pictured at Sunset Marina.

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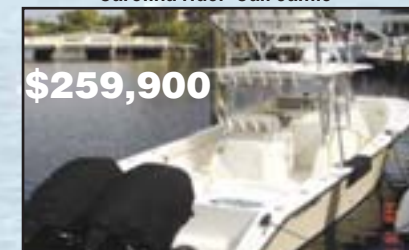
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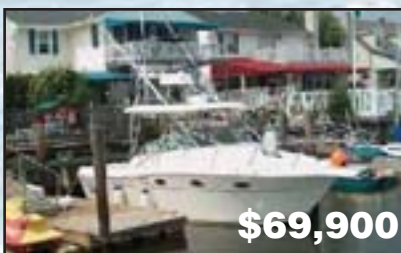
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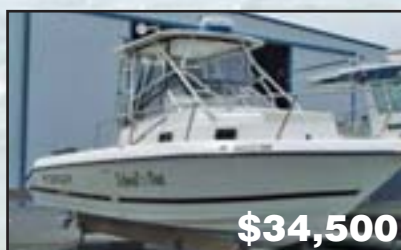
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